



REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)

Application Number: 09/870,955
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Subs. & Trade Exam. of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
Provides for continued examination of a utility or plant
Application filed on or after June 8, 1995.
See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA)

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.
Note: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 153 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Final Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 50092 (August 16, 2000); Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (March 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1.	<u>Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114</u>	
a.	Previously submitted	
i.	Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 previously filed on _____ (any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered).	
ii.	Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed filed on _____	
iii.	Other _____	
b.	<u>XXXX</u> Enclosed	
i.	<u>XXXX</u> Amendment/Reply	
ii.	_____ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)	
iii.	_____ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and PTO-1449	
iv.	_____ Other _____	
2.	<u>Miscellaneous</u>	
a.	Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)	
b.	Other _____	
3.	<u>Fees</u> The RCE fee Under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.	
a.	<u>XXXX</u> The Director is hereby authorized to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 01-0467 .	
i.	<u>XXXX</u> RCE fee (\$770.00) required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e)	
ii.	_____ Extension of Time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)	
iii.	_____ Other _____	
b.	<u>XXXX</u> Check in the amount of \$ <u>770.00</u> enclosed	
c.	_____ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)	

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